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For: DEVICE FOR INERTING A VAT FOR)	
CONSUMABLE LIQUID, IN PARTICULAR)	
WINE (As Amended))	
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

All of the listed documents were previously made of record in prior Application No. 08/978,055, filed November 25, 1997, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are not included.

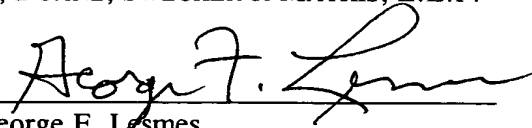
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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